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## Manager.

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ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

### For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

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### Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

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CAPITAL, £800,000. RESERVE FUND, £110,000.

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Local Bills discounted, and Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

## Entertainment.

### Preliminary.

THE ROYAL BIJOU VARIETY TROUPE has arrived, and will give a Select Performance at the CITY HALL, ON

SATURDAY EVENING NEXT. Plan to be seen and Tickets obtained at MEERS LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. ADMISSION: Reserved Seats, 50. Unreserved Seats, 1. Hongkong, September 18, 1877. ss23

## Intimations.

G. FALCONER & CO., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, August 20, 1877. ss20

### Notice.

A MILLAR & CO., PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS, Queen's Road East, HONGKONG.

September 15, 1877.

### Ten Dollars Reward.

WILL be paid to the Person who finds Two Thin GOLD RINGS, (of no value to any one but the Owner), and returns them to the Comprador of DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, September 17, 1877.

## Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profits to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877. ss21

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the Secretary of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, September 15, 1877. ss21

PACIFIC MAIL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE STEAMERS of this COMPANY will be despatched from this Port in Future at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, instead of 3 P.M. as heretofore.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, September 14, 1877. ss21

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this Society will be held at its Head Office, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th Inst., at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts for the Year 1876, and for the half year ending 30th June, 1877.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 26th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

E. MOORE, Act. Secretary.

Hongkong, September 12, 1877. ss23

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JARDINE, MATHEISON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877. ss21

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

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RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packaging. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the case, and the words "DEVOE MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOE MANUFACTURING CO., 80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets,

NEW YORK, U. S. A.

Hongkong, September 11, 1877.

NEW YORK, W. A. GREGORY.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 18, 1877.

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Hongkong, September 17, 1877.

## For Sale.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE, EX STEAMSHIPS

"YORKSHIRE," "MADAGASCAR,"

"CITY OF TOKIO," &c., &c.

1877.

NEW SEASONS (MAY) BUTTER.

The First Shipment of Busch & Co.'s Celebrated Cowhard DANISH BUTTER.

In Tins of 1 lb. each, 60 Cents per lb.

In Tins of 2 lb. each, 55 Cents per lb.

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Fresh supplies of Crosse & BLACKWELL'S OILMEN'S STORES, and American Family MESS STORES.—As per their JULY PRICE LIST.

(All Stores sold by L. A. & Co. are of the Very Best Quality.)

Very Superior California BLANKETS, 13/4 and 14/4.

California KNEE BOOTS.

Dawson's Best London-made GENTLE-MEN'S BOOTS.

HORSE BLANKETS.

Central and Fin-PIPE CARTRIDGE CASES.

Gum-Wads, PERCUSSION CAPS.

BILLIARD TABLE CLOTHS.

ROCKETS and BLUE-LIGHTS.

HOTH'S RUSSIAN ROPE and TARRED LINES.

FISHING LINES and WHITE LINES, of all descriptions.

INDIA RUBBER SHEETS, and Insertion of all Sizes.

INDIA RUBBER and CANVAS DELIVERY and SUCTION HOSE.

Cabin Suspension LAMPS.

Cabin CANDLESTICKS.

FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.

Japanned TOILET SETS.

CARRIAGE LAMPS, and CARRIAGE CANDLES.

WATER FILTERS.

Gossell's HAIR BRUSHES, TOOTH BRUSHES, and NAIL BRUSHES.

A Fine Assortment of DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY, BOOKS, NOVELS, WORKS OF REFERENCE, SCHOOL BOOKS, &c., &c.

Hongkong, September 15, 1877. ss21

DE SOUZA & CO.'S DATE BLOCK FOR 1878, CONTAINING ENGLISH & CHINESE DATES, &c.

IS NOW READY.

Price, 70 Cents.

A liberal allowance will be made for 10 or more Copies.

Hongkong, September 17, 1877. ss21

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & CO., Celebrated BRANDS of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, June 22, 1877.

## Intimations.

## NOTICE.

M<sup>r</sup>. A. HAHN begs leave to inform his numerous Patrons and the Public generally of Hongkong, that, by special request, he has now OPENED his ESTABLISHMENT in this Colony at WANCHAI, in the Premises lately occupied by the American Consul.

Mr HAHN trusts to be favored with the continued Patronage of the public, as he has lately received a NEW STOCK of REPAIRING MATERIALS, all of the best qualities, from England, France and Germany. Inspection invited.

Hongkong, September 7, 1877. *sc07*

PIANOS and any other Musical Instruments TUNED, REPAIRED, and RE-CONSTRUCTED. PIANOS ON HIRE, by the Month or Occasionally. PIANOS FOR SALE, New and Second-Hand, all in perfectly Good Order, Guaranteed.

Special Attention is invited to a new Grand Cottage PIANO, by Lüders and RIBNITZ, Zetitz—Just Received from Germany, and specially constructed for this climate to the order of the Undersigned.

Orders from any of the Outports in the East, will meet with prompt attention if addressed:

Care of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., or " Messrs GAUFF & Co.

A. HAHN.

Hongkong, September 7, 1877.

## DENTAL NOTICE.

D<sup>r</sup>. ROGERS begs to inform his Patrons and the Public that he intends to visit AMOY and FOOCHOW in September and October, leaving HONG-KONG about the 16th of September.

Hongkong, August 6, 1877.

AN YON,  
SHIPS' COMPRADEORE AND  
STEVEDORE,  
No. 57, Provo<sup>W</sup>as.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF  
COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH  
PROVISIONS & OILMANS  
STORES

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any  
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of the following Vessels, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:—

TWILIGHT, British barque, Capt. Dalary.  
—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

NIMROD, British barque, Capt. Clark—  
Captain.

ASPIN S. HALL, American 3-m. schooner,  
Capt. Chas. H. Nelson.—Douglas Lapraik  
& Co.

ASHERLADY, British barque, Capt. Nicoll.  
—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

BETHEVEN, German barque, Captain R.  
Haege.—Melschers & Co.

Viscount MACDUFF, British 3-m. schooner,  
Capt. Wm. Wright.—Borneo Co., Limited.

CRETERION, American ship, Captain W.  
Lull.—Siemssen & Co.

WOODVILLE, British barque, Captain  
Nielsen.—Wm. Fuston & Co.

ALEXINGTON, British barque, Captain G.  
Cunningham.—Wiser & Co.

LOUISA, German 3-m. schooner, Captain  
Schellbach.—Eduard Schellbach & Co.

## Notices to Consignees.

## FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship STRATHAIRLY having  
arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned into their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Goods will be forwarded to Japan, unless notice to the contrary is given before Noon To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 24th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 17, 1877. *sc24*

## FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. GLEWENRY having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before Noon To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 22nd instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, September 17, 1877. *sc24*

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## S. S. YANG-TSE

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo per S. S. GLEWENRY, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 2 p.m. To-day, the 18th instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after Tuesdays, the 26th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. du POUEY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, September 18, 1877. *sc25*

## NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE  
CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I.,  
3 to 1, with Introduction. Royal 8vo,  
pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN ERKIN, Ph.D.

Tubingen.

Price: Two DOLLARS AND A HALF.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD  
& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs  
KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

## The Company's Steamship

## "VOLGA."

## Comit. ROMAND, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA

## on THURSDAY, the 20th Inst., at 10 a.m.

H. du POUEY,  
Agent.Hongkong, September 19, 1877. *sc20*

## FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

## The Spanish Steamer

## "EMUY."

## BLANCO, Master, will leave as

## above TO-MORROW, the 20th

## Instant, at 5 p.m.

## For Freight or Passage, apply to

## REMEDIOS &amp; Co.,

## Agents.

Hongkong, September 19, 1877. *sc20*

## CONSULAT DE FRANCE A

## HAIPHONG.

## LE 15 Octobre 1877 à midi, il sera pro-

## posé par le Chancelier de ce Consulat

## à la vente aux enchères publiques de:

## 10. Une JONQUE CHINOISE de 50

## 10 Tonnes munie de ses agrès &amp;c.

## 10. DIVERSES MARCHANDISES

## provenant d'une prise faite sur des pirates,

## dans le Golfe du Tongking, par le croiseur

## Français le "Bourayne."

## Hongkong, le 19 Septembre, 1877.

## Le Gérant du Consulat de France à

Hongkong. *sc20*

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

## THE Undersigned has received instruc-

## tions to sell by Public Auction, on

## MONDAY,

## the 24th September, 1877, at 2 o'clock

## p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

## 12 casks CLARET.

## 25 cases BISQUIT DUBOUCHE &amp; Co.'s

## 1 to 4 Star COGNAC.

## 32 cases CLARET "St. Emilion," in

## Quarts and Pinte.

## 17 cases CLARET, "Larose."

## 3 cases CLARET, "Lafite."

## 48 cases CLARET "St. Julien."

## 41 cases CLARET "St. Esteph," in

## Quarts and Pinte.

## 30 cases BRANDY.

## 20 cases BURGUNDY.

## 5 cases CHAMPAGNE.

## 88 cases CLARET.

## TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery

## in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

## All lots, with all faults and errors of

## description, at purchasers' risk on the fall

## of the hammer.

## J. M. ARMSTRONG,

## Auctioneer.

Hongkong, September 19, 1877. *sc24*

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

## Sept. 18, Malacca, British steamer, 1046,

## R. E. Smith, Yokohama Sept. 12, Malls

## and General.—P. &amp; G. S. N. Co.

## Sept. 19, Lombardy, British steamer,

## 1726, W. B. Hall, Shanghai Sept. 16, Malls

## and General.—P. &amp; G. S. N. Co.

## Sept. 19, Emu, Spanish steamer, 223,

## F. Blaico, Manila Sept. 16, General—

## REMEDIOS &amp; Co.

## Sept. 19, Ningpo, British steamer, 761,

## R. G. Smith, Shanghai Sept. 15, General—

## SIEMENS &amp; Co.

## Sept. 19, Washi, British steamer, 265,

## Hunter, Haiphong Sept. 16, General—

## LANDSTEIN &amp; Co.

## Sept. 19, Sea Gull, American steamer,

## 42, Roberts, Swatow Sept. 16.—INSURANCE

## Co.

## Sept. 19, Esmeralda, British steamer, 395,

## G. Thetford, British steamer, 1046,

## F. Blaico, Swatow, 25 cents per picul,

## 25 cents per picul, 25 cents per day.

## British bark Gleneavin, 472, Newchwang

## to Hongkong, 25 cents per picul, 25 cents per day.

## British bark Star Queen, 769, Newchwang

## to Hongkong, 25 cents per picul, 25 cents per day.

## British bark May Queen, 472, Newchwang

## to Hongkong, 25 cents per picul, 25 cents per day.

## British bark Quinibon, 251, Quinibon

## to Hongkong, 25 cents per picul, 25 cents per day.

## French bark Endoxys Adolphe, 254,

## hence to Quinibon and back, \$1,450 in full,

## 25 cents per picul, 25 cents per day.

## French bark St. Anne, 286, hence to

## Haiphong and back, \$1,500 in full, 30 cents per day.

## Laid on the berth for Callao, Brit. bark

## Chili, 446 tons.

## DEPARTURES.

the installation by one of the great financial establishments of France of several branches at different points of the Far East, and Yokohama would be one of these. The French colony would see with great pleasure this project carried into effect; for the closing of the agency of the Comptoir d'Escompte, is prejudicial to many houses and residents to whom the nature of their business renders a French bank exceedingly desirable. We are well aware that the commercial situation is not of the most encouraging, and this it is which must have led the Comptoir d'Escompte to give way to the three English establishments, the Oriental Banking Corporation, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and Chartered Mercantile Bank. However, it seems to us that the export of silk-worms' egg cards, and curios, made by or for French houses, represents a certain sum, and that that of the importations of our goods is sufficiently considerable, with other possible operations, to leave a reasonable and lucrative part of the business to a French bank. We hope, then, with all our heart, that the inheritance of the Comptoir will find an heir, persuaded as we are that, in spite of the difficulties of the situation, a French bank, confided to the care of an active, intelligent, and sympathetic director, has still a *raison d'être*, and real chances of success.—*Japan Gazette*.

CHINA AFFAIRS AT HOME.  
(From our own London Correspondent.)

LONDON, 10th Aug., 1877.

We have now so fairly entered upon the dull season here that there is little likelihood of there being any news of importance with respect to China for some time to come. The excitement connected with the opening of the Tea Season is over; the Chetoo Convention put off till next Session, the Chinese Ministers are now no longer a novelty; and the Anti-optimists have for the time being ceased their sed repining. Even the occasional excitement of a speech at the Geographical Society, from Sir Rutherford Alcock now no longer salutes us; and in short, China is common with everything not absolutely pressing has been dropped and will probably not be heard of again until people commence returning from the sea-side, and Parliament is again sitting.

You will doubtless have seen that the organ of the Anti-opium Association makes a great outcry about the delay in the ratification of the Convention chiefly upon the ground that it is unreasonable for the Government here to have referred to that of India, before laying the question before Parliament. The objection is rather un-called for in one respect, as it is tolerably certain that the Indian Government can give important information upon some points (especially the opium duty), and that a reference to them was almost called for as of course. Objection, however, may unquestionably be raised with only too good reason to the delay which has taken place apart altogether from this final reference.

Peoples here seem to look with as much disfavour upon the pro-national leanings of Mr Pope Hennessy as would appear to be the case in Hongkong. I was a few days ago speaking to a well-informed ex-China hand, who assured me that Mr Hennessy had, before he left England, declared his intention of inaugurating just such a policy as from all accounts it would seem he has entered upon. There can certainly be no greater mistake than for a man going to a place like China to form resolutions as to his policy in advance; then he must of necessity be entirely ignorant of the wants of the particular Colony or the character and nature of its inhabitants. A wise man could surely keep his mind open and be ready in a judicial manner to form his conclusions according to the circumstances which might be found to exist. A contrary habit, dangerous in any place, must be fatal in Hongkong where there is so much to learn.

The appointment of Liu-tah-jen to be Minister for China at Berlin is considered to be a satisfactory indication of a continued progressive spirit among the Chinese. Liu is not so genial a man as his colleague Kwo (who seems to have the art of making friends in a great degree), but he is spoken of by those who have an opportunity of forming an opinion as being evidently sincerely desirous of informing himself upon all foreign matters and qualifying himself fully for his present post. He seems, however, to want a little polishing up and lacks the courteous bearing of which, whatever other faults they have, we find the Chinese ordinarily possessed. It is understood that the appointment of Liu to Berlin is part of a scheme to have China represented at all the more important European Courts. This will undoubtedly have a good effect. No one can fail to recognise the beneficial results which have accrued from the present Embassy here. The Chinese have been quite unable to ignore that there is something worthy the attention of the children of the Sun and Moon in the outer barbarian country, and have been *volens dolens* obliged to acknowledge the civility with which they have been treated and to some degree to reciprocate it.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE GOVERNOR'S PRISON DISCIPLINE.

Hongkong, September 19, 1877.

SIR.—I have read with great attention the eloquent speech of His Excellency the Governor at the Legislative Council the other day, and I must say it is a very able defence of the several radical changes he has made and contemplates making in the administration of justice and in the treatment of prisoners here. Now, Sir, I may as well state at once that I agree with a great deal the Governor said on Monday, but I venture to think his statistics are not trustworthy, and shall give my reasons for that opinion. The table you published on the 17th instant, undoubtedly supports the Governor's contention that crime has greatly and steadily increased both in serious and light offences; the total number in 1876 being over 10,000 against the annual average from 1867 to 1871 of 6718. Now this apparent increase may be genuine or not genuine. If genuine, it is traceable to causes other than that the inhabitants of Hongkong have been of a worse character now than they were before, as I shall presently show. The figures undoubtedly prove that we have more serious whilst

Police Intelligence.  
(Before James Russell, Esq.)

18th September, 1877.

ALLEGED ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.  
Poon Aning, a hawker, was again brought up for stealing \$21 from a seaman named John Jackson, a seaman on board H. M. S. *Curlew*. The charge against the prisoner was that he followed the complainant who was in his chair, and robbed him of his hat which contained \$21, and that he threw pepper into his eyes. There being no further evidence, the defendant was discharged.

BREAKING TREES.  
Kwong Shing Mo, a coal-coolie, was fined \$1 for breaking a branch off a tree at the Race Course.

LARCENY.  
Wong Aow, boatman, and Cheung Aowl, fishmonger, were brought up for stealing a blanket and a jacket from one Lam Aman, an employee in the Kwong Wing Sing Nam Pak Hong. The back of the shop opens to Queen's Road West, and the complainant slept in a room there. The barricade of the door, at the back, consisted of the usual Chinese upright poles, with spaces between through which the clothing could have been abstracted. The complainant was sleeping in his room when he was aroused about 10 p.m. by the Police Constable. He then went to the Station, where he saw his blanket and jacket.—Mr Goultoun, clerk in Victoria Goal, identified both prisoners as having been in goal before; the first had been in prison six times and was banished in 1877. He was brought up this month for returning from banishment, but was discharged. The second was known to have been in goal three times, but was never deported.—The prisoners were committed for trial and received their defense.

LARCENY.  
Chun Ayow, a coolie, was charged by Mr J. M. De Jesus, a clerk at the Aberdeen Dock, with stealing an anchor chain, and an iron ram. The case was remanded till the 21st.

## UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

To Ayuen, hawker, was charged by Sergeant Toomey with having in his possession four pieces of sandal wood. When he saw the Sergeant he ran away. The defendant could not account for the sandal wood, which had the letter M embossed on it. Remanded till the 21st.

SUPREME COURT.  
IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.  
(Before His Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir JOHN SMALE.)

19th September, 1877.

## MANSLAUGHTER.

Regina v. Leong Alai.

The prisoner was indicted on two counts, one charging her with the manslaughter of a girl named Tsung Amui, and another with beating her and causing her bodily harm, on the 6th August 1877.

The Attorney General, the Hon. G. Phillips, instructed by Mr Johnson, Acting Crown Solicitor, appeared to prosecute, and Mr Francis, instructed by Messrs Stephen and Holmes, appeared for the defence.

The following Jury was empanelled:—Messrs E. Bear, E. Sapoorjee J. Juster, C. F. Caldwell, J. F. Mardfeldt, E. D. Sapey and H. M. Bavin.

The Attorney General, in explaining the two counts, said that the Jury must be first satisfied that the beating the accused was said to have given to the deceased contributed to her death, before they could bring her in guilty of manslaughter, and if they were satisfied that the girl was merely beaten beyond moderate correction, they must find her guilty on the second count. To support an indictment of assault occasioning bodily harm the effect of the beating need not be of a nature which would cause permanent injury; anything that caused her pain or discomfort was sufficient, the charge being different from one for doing grievous bodily harm.

Mr A. Santos was then called. His evidence was the same as that he adduced before the Coroner and the Magistrate. He was cross-examined at some length, but his testimony was not shaken.

The next witness called was Julie Francisco, a disreputable old woman, who was servant to the last witness. The most important discrepancy in her testimony was that whereas she had said at the Police Court that she saw the coffin brought in at 7 a.m., she said now it was 8 p.m.

P. C. 545, P. B. Singh, reiterated the evidence he gave before the Magistrate.

When the case was resumed after lunch, the Court was chiefly occupied with medical evidence. It was proved by the Chinese doctor that the deceased had been ill for about a week prior to her death. Dr. Wharry was of opinion that having regard to the state of the deceased's health and of her age (15 years) when physiological changes were rapidly taking place, a beating which depended to my Santos would accelerate her death. The doctor was morally certain of this. Dr. Ayres, the Colonial Surgeon, coincided with Dr. Wharry in his opinion.

After the brief examination of two witnesses, the prosecution was brought to a close. The 1st count of manslaughter having been abandoned, Mr Francis would not address the Jury, but proposed to call evidence for the defence. He proposed three questions for the decision of the Jury:—(1) Was there an assault at all? (2) Was it justifiable having regard to the relations of the parties? (3) If there was an assault and if it was not justifiable, was it a common assault or an assault of the nature charged in the information? These questions were agreed to by the Attorney General.

The first witness called for the defence was Tsamp Akow who claimed to be the sister of the deceased. The next witness was Leong Awoot, the prisoner's daughter who said she was the party beaten on the day in question.

Mr W. Wilson, the architect, proved a plan of the house, and the front of Mr Santos' house to show how far one could see from Mr Santos' windows into the prisoner's house.

Mr Francis then summed up the evidence and contended that Mr Santos was mistaken in his identity of the girl beaten.

His Lordship then summed up to the Jury. The case was still going on when we went to print.

Yours truly,

MISTY.

## China.

(CHANGSHA).

(Courier.)

The flood tide on Sunday came up with a bore, the same as at the last spring a fortnight ago. The sudden rush of water caused the *Loudoun Castle* to break from her moorings at the P. and C. buoy, the hoops of which gave way. Fortunately she just shaved the *Glenayre*, and was brought up with her own anchor. In a river where such strong tides prevail as here, we should think it an advantage to have buoys in which the mooring chain passes through the centre of the buoy and no strain is brought to bear on the buoy itself. We are surprised that such buoys have not been long since adopted here.

Several whales have been cast ashore during the typhoon, on the 28th ultimo, on the coast of Japan, on Honome Bay.

Mr G. Willy Wells, the new Consul-General for the United States, arrived yesterday by the *Tokio Maru*. It was seen from deck at a distance of 4 miles.

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Shareholders retiring from the Company  
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posing of their Shares in either of the  
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